

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following new paragraph just prior to the first full-paragraph on page 2, i.e. prior to the BACKGROUND section.

**[0000]** The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/610,783 entitled, "A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING RELATIVE, WITHIN-DIE LEAKAGE CURRENT AND/OR PROVIDING A TEMPERATURE VARIATION PROFILE USING A LEAKAGE INVERTER AND RING OSCILLATOR," Attorney Docket Number 42.P14976, filed June 30, 2003 and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.